

October 2011

Dear Friends,

HELOTES' 4th ANNUAL LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

**PRESENTED BY
THE HELOTES LIONS CLUB
AND
THE CITY OF HELOTES, TEXAS**

We personally invite you, your organization, or business to participate in our upcoming Parade. We know it is 2+ months away, but we wanted you to have plenty of time to get your decorations ready and your entries in!

**OUR NIGHT PARADE HAS BECOME A HOLIDAY FAVORITE FOR
HELOTES RESIDENTS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA**

Last year, the Parade route was filled with spectators, and we only expect it to grow this year. To make this happen, we need you all to join in and help us.

CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN "OLD TOWN HELOTES"

This year's Parade will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The Parade will start at 7:00 p.m.

Trophies and Ribbons are awarded in the following categories:

- A. *Best Area Non-Profit*
- B. *Best Walking/Performing Group*
- C. *Best Decorated Vehicle*
- D. *Best Commercial/Business*
- E. *Best Church Group*
- F. *Best Out of Town Float*

**LINE UP IS AT 5:30 P.M. AND JUDGING IS AT 6:30 P.M. SHARP!
ALL MARCHING / WALKING PERFORMING GROUPS MUST
BE READY TO PERFORM WHEN JUDGES VISIT THEM.**

*Attached is a Parade Entry Packet. We would appreciate the forms filled out and returned as quickly as possible, but no later than Monday, December 1, 2011. This year we are limiting entries to only 40. The sooner you get yours in the better! We hope that your calendar will allow your organization to participate in this year's **4th ANNUAL HELOTES LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE.***

Sincerely,

Parade Coordinators

Helotes Lions Club: Linda Montemayor - whitetldm@yahoo.com or 210-695-8762
Christi Nowlin - 210-695-9519

City of Helotes: Rick A. Schroder - rschroder@helotes-tx.gov or 210-695-5913

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED RULES AND LINE-UP INSTRUCTIONS (ALL LINES MUST BE FILLED OUT)

**4TH ANNUAL HELOTES LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE
2011 ENTRY FORM**

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone No: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Type of Entry (check one entry):

Truck and trailer	_____	Length of entry	_____
Float (w/ truck)	_____	Length of entry	_____
Individual vehicle	_____	Length of entry	_____
Group of vehicles	_____	No. of vehicles and length of entry	_____
Fire Departments	_____	No. of vehicles and length of entry	_____
Walking group	_____	Size of group	_____
Other	_____	Type and length of entry	_____

Title of Entry and Name(s) & Title(s) of Participants: _____

Categories: (Circle One Category)

- A. Best Area Non-Profit
- B. Best Walking/Performing Group
- C. Best Decorated Vehicle
- D. Best Commercial/Business
- E. Best Church Group
- F. Best Out of Town Float

IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH OUR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

In consideration of the privilege of participating in the Helotes Christmas Parade, I grant to the Helotes Lions Club and the City of Helotes, their representatives, and any media or other interested party covering any Parade sponsored by the Helotes Lions Club and the City of Helotes the right to record, broadcast, and otherwise exploit, in any and all media throughout the world, my performance in the Parade and to use my name, likeness, voice, and biographical information concerning me in connection with the promotion of the Parade.

For the same consideration, I assume all risks associated with participation in the Parade and hereby release and hold harmless all of the following, who are hereafter called "indemnified parties", the Helotes Lions Club and the City of Helotes, their respective officials, managers, directors, employees, agents, successors, assigns, members, and volunteer workers. I release and hold harmless these identified indemnified parties from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of my participation in the Parade, including without limitation, any personal injuries or damage to my property which may incur as a result of participation in the Parade.

I also agree to and shall indemnify and hold harmless all of the indemnified parties from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, causes of action, suits, and liability of every kind, including all expenses of litigation, court costs, and attorney's fees, for injury to or death of any person or for damage to any property arising out of or in connection with the Parade, whether such injury, death, or damages are caused by the sole negligence of the indemnified parties or the joint negligence of the indemnified parties and any other person or entity. I agree that this Media Release and Waiver of Liability Form shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that the venue for any litigation involving the indemnified parties shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Bexar County, Texas.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules set forth in the Parade packet and this Form.

Participant*

Date

*If the participant is not of legal age, a parent or guardian must also sign and date this form.

I represent that I am the parent or guardian of the participant named above, that I am of legal age, that I have read and fully understand the foregoing Media Release and Waiver of Liability Form and that I do agree to be bound by the term set out above, individually and as the participant's parent or legal guardian and our respective heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

Parent or Guardian

Date

Please Return the Application & Indemnity Agreement to:
Christmas Parade Coordinator
PO Box 784, Helotes, TX 78023 210-695-8762

Hello Friends,

Thank you for accepting our invitation to participate in the 4th ANNUAL HELOTES LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE to be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011.

Please take the time to review the Parade rules and instructions below:

1. Parade line-up numbers are mailed or e-mailed with your confirmation of entry. Please check with the line-up volunteers on Parade day to determine where your area is located. THE PARADE IS LIMITED TO 40 ENTRIES.
2. Everyone is required to line-up in their assigned space. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. See the attached map to determine where your unit is to enter the Parade route. Our Parade route is approximately 1 mile long, so plan accordingly.
4. ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE LIGHTS ON THEM. Holiday music is preferred.
5. LINE UP IS AT 5:30 P.M. JUDGING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:30 P.M. PARADE WILL START AT 7:00 P.M. All entries must be in place and remain there until judging is complete. Entrants not in place when the Judges reach their location will not be judged. If you are a performing group, please be ready to perform.
6. It is suggested that entrants bring drinking water.
7. DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY DRIVERS OR PARTICIPANTS BEFORE OR DURING THE PARADE IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN.
8. NO ARTICLES WHATSOEVER (GUM, CANDY, FLYERS, ETC.) MAY BE THROWN, HANDED, OR PASSED FROM ANY PARADE PARTICIPANT.
9. NO WATER GUNS OR BALLOONS ARE TO BE USED ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE AT ANY TIME. ANYONE USING THESE ITEMS MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE OR SUCH ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN AWAY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.
10. A licensed driver must operate all vehicles and all vehicles must maintain State-mandated insurance. An adult must accompany each youth group.
11. Please limit your support vehicles to ONE ONLY. After your entry has been set up, please move your support vehicle to the disbanding area.
12. Lineup is on Old Bandera Rd. at the NORTH END OF HELOTES. Route will be through OLD TOWN HELOTES, turning right onto Riggs Rd., and disbanding at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church parking lot. With the renovation of Old Town, there is plenty of room for spectators.

Thank you!

Parade Coordinators -

Linda Montemayor, Helotes Lions Club	(210) 695-8762
Christi Nowlin, Helotes Lions Club	(210) 695-9519
Jennifer Nowlin, Helotes Lions Club	(210) 393-2555
Rick Schroder, City of Helotes	(210) 695-5913

PARADE ROUTE & LINEUP

Heading north on Hwy. 16, turn left at the highway crossover at Whip O Will Way.
From there, head south on Hwy. 16 and turn right onto Old Bandera Road near El Chaparral Restaurant.
You will be instructed where your number is.

Please DO NOT turn left off Hwy. 16 onto Old Bandera Road or Scenic Loop Road.
This area will be blocked off.



